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**Subject:** RE: FINAL ----- PRESS RELEASE Aug 11, 3 PM MTN: EPA Daily Media Call on Gold King Mine Release

Will send this out through VOCUS now.....AZ, NN, and Farmington.....

Thanks!

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THIS IS READY TO GO FROM EVERYONE'S VOCUS ACCOUNTS FOR TOMORROW'S PRESS CONFERENCE.

## **Aug 11, 3 PM MTN: EPA Daily Media Call on Gold King Mine Release**

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**COLORADO, DALLAS, SAN FRANCISCO** – (August 9, 2015) EPA is providing daily updates for members of the media via conference call. In order to provide better service and audio quality, we will use our operator assisted conferencing service.

**WHO:** EPA Officials from Denver, Dallas and San Francisco (varies by date)

**WHEN:** August 11, 3 PM (Mountain, MT)

**WHERE:** Conference Dial-in Number: **1-866-900-8984**

Conference Identification: **10467700**, Gold King Mine Release – EPA Media Update

On Aug. 5 while investigating Gold King Mine in Colorado, EPA and State Division of Reclamation Mining and Safety triggered a large release of mine wastewater into Cement Creek. EPA is working closely with first responders and local and state officials to monitor water contaminated by the spill. The spill path flows through 3 of EPA's regions (Region 8 (Colorado/Utah & Southern Ute Tribe); Region 6 (New Mexico), and Region 9 (Navajo Nation). EPA has activated its Emergency Operations System to ensure coordinate on among its regions, laboratories and national program offices in Washington DC. EPA is closely coordinating with the officials in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, Southern Ute Tribe and Navajo Nation.

For the latest information, photos, and the data when available, visit [http://epaossc.org/site/site\\_profile.aspx?site\\_id=11082](http://epaossc.org/site/site_profile.aspx?site_id=11082) .